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Response to Office Action of July 28, 2005

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005. Claims 1-24 are pending in the patent application. Claims 1, 8-9, 11-12, 17-18 and 23-24 are amended and Claims 2-4 are canceled. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Claims 1-15 and 17-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Alt et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,580,356 ("Alt"). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Alt in view of Nerlikar, U.S. Patent No. 5,629,981 ("Nerlikar"). At least for the reasons set forth below, Applicant believes that the rejections raised in the Office Action have been overcome and thus should be withdrawn.

Prompt and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action, the claims are rejected for alleged anticipation and obviousness reasons as noted above.

Claim 1 relates to an authentication information communication system including a portable information processing device. The portable information processing device includes variable data storage means for holding first variable user identification data corresponding to a first service identifier corresponding to a first service furnished by a service furnishing device and second variable user identification data corresponding to a second service identifier corresponding to a second service, wherein the first variable user identification data is different from the second variable user identification data and wherein the first service is different from the second service.

Alt relates to a method for identifying a person authorized to enter into a secured transaction, including implementing a security system to receive a coded signal that purports to identify as an authorized person the wearer of a device generating the coded signal through a transmission link constituting the body of the wearer, upon physical contact between an input terminal of the security system and the body of the wearer. Alt discloses that a microprocessor of a body link system has a memory. Col. 11, Line 63 - Col. 12, Line 5 and Fig. 6. Alt also discloses that the body link system can include ROM or RAM which is loaded from time to time with historical data or information other than personal identity recognition information. Col. 9, Lines 41-59. Further, Alt discloses that the body link system can be used to verify the identity of the wearer of a portable device, and that additional security measures such as finger print

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recognition can be used in coordination with the body link system. Col. 6, Line 60 – Col. 7, Line 30 and Col. 8, Line 66 – Col. 9, Line 23.

However, Alt does not disclose or suggest that a portable device stores two different user identifications corresponding to two different services. Thus, Alt does not disclose or suggest a variable data storage means that holds first variable user identification data corresponding to a first service identifier corresponding to a first service furnished by a service furnishing device and second variable user identification data corresponding to a second service identifier corresponding to a second service, wherein the first variable user identification data is different from the second variable user identification data and wherein the first service is different from the second service as described in Claim 1.

Nerlikar relates to a closed loop, networked information management and security system for controlling access of high value information. Nerlikar discloses a user RFID badge that can store a user's unique biological digitized data in ROM. Col. 7, Lines 6-28. However, similar to Alt, Nerlikar does not disclose or suggest that a portable device stores two different user identifications corresponding to two different services. Thus, Nerlikar does not disclose or suggest, alone or in combination with Alt, a variable data storage means that holds first variable user identification data corresponding to a first service identifier corresponding to a first service furnished by a service furnishing device and second variable user identification data corresponding to a second service identifier corresponding to a second service, wherein the first variable user identification data is different from the second variable user identification data and wherein the first service is different from the second service as described in Claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Claim 1 and Claim 5-8, which depend from Claim 1, are each patentably distinguished over Alt, alone or in combination with Nerlikar, and are in condition for allowance. For similar reasons, Claim 9 and Claims 10-16, which depend from Claim 9, and Claim 17 and Claims 18-22, which depend from Claim 17, and Claims 23-24 are each patentably distinguished over Alt, alone or in combination with Nerlikar, and are in condition for allowance.

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In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 5-24 are patentable over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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